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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>9694-000041/US/NP<br>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>20/5/6168</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/JP2004/015376  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>18 October 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>20 October 2003   |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>DISK APPARATUS  |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>Nobuyuki MIROKU et al.   |  |  |
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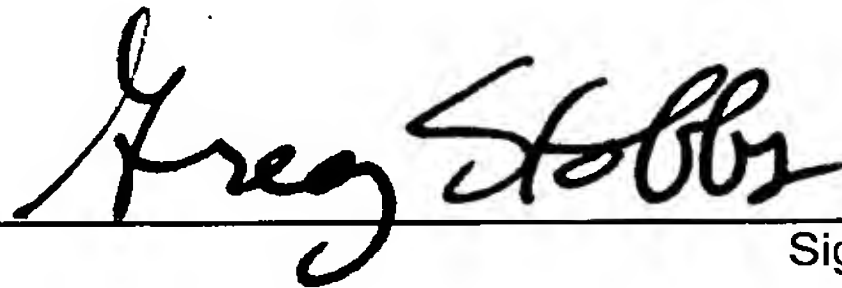
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